

MEXICO MISSOURI MESSAGE.

SUES IN AUDRAIN.

Woman Seeks Life Insurance Carried by Her Missing Husband.

Mrs. Anna Adams of Fulton, has filed suit against the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co., of New Jersey, and W. C. Harris of Fulton, jointly in the Audrain County Circuit Court, to recover \$1490 insurance carried by Phillip S. Adams, her husband. She also sues the New York Life Insurance Co., with W. C. Harris as co-defendant, for \$1900.

Phillip S. Adams departed from Fulton on January 13, 1902, and has not been seen or heard of since. About two years before, or in 1900, Adams started the Commercial Bank which was capitalized for \$20,000. The bank had deposits of about \$80,000. It was discovered that there was a considerable shortage, the exact amount never being known, and it is supposed that Adams ran away to escape prosecution.

On going over the bank's accounts, it was found that Adams had given his personal note for \$2,000 and had attached the policies referred to above as collateral security. When the bank's affairs were being settled these notes were put up and sold and were purchased by Mr. Harris.

A Card From Mr. Harris.

To the Democratic Voters of Audrain County—Gentlemen:

I was one of the prospective candidates for County Collector of Audrain County, but after viewing the situation from several standpoints, I have decided not to be a candidate in this election, but if my friends think it best for me to try it four years from this term, I will then be a candidate. I wish to thank you for the encouragement you have given me and I certainly appreciate the kindness and interest you have shown me. I am dropping out in favor of no one and I do not want to influence you, but I want you to vote the way you think best.

I remain, very truly yours,
L. A. HARRIS.

Mrs. Ragsdale Dead.

Mrs. Sarah Ragsdale after an illness of several years, peacefully passed to the beyond last Thursday night. She was a daughter of the late Samuel Murry. Born in Lowden county, Va., Feb. 6, 1827. At an early age with her parents she moved to Tennessee. Later her parents and she moved to Missouri, settling in Monroe county. Then they moved to Mexico and later settled on a farm northeast of Mexico. In 1847 she was married to Duskin Day. He died on the plains while making a trip to California during the gold discovery excitement. In 1853 she was married again, to Cornelius Ragsdale, of Monroe county, who died 13 years ago. Deceased and husband came to Mexico, and this was her home for nearly 55 years. Two sons survive her, Walker and William Ragsdale. Funeral services were held at the home Saturday afternoon, conducted by Rev. H. E. Truex. She was a good Christian woman and the community will miss her.

A "Millinery" Display.

Have you seen the stylish millinery in the windows of Ferris & Cuthorn? The preparation of this display is attributed to Roy Cuthorn and shows that he is onto the latest wrinkle of the latest Parisian creations.

Wm. A. Bunn of Peoria, Ill., is arranging to open for sale another addition to Mexico. The ground lies at the extreme end of North Jefferson street. The addition will contain 20 acres and will be divided into 81 lots.

ANOTHER ELECTRIC R. R.

Mexico and Laddonia and Rush Hill in It.

The Message has known for a number of months of the "hatching" of this move, but all plans were not perfected and we were requested to keep mum.

The St. Louis, St. Charles & Northern Traction Co., was formed at Middletown, last Thursday for the purpose of building an electric line from St. Charles north through Troy, Olney, Marlton, Middletown, Mt. Carmel, Laddonia, Mexico, Paris and points northward.

The movement was inaugurated by a large number of leading citizens of Middletown and other towns along the proposed route. Definite plans for building the line have been formulated and the following officers were elected: C. B. Duncan, Olney, Mo., president; R. E. Race, Mexico, Mo., vice-president and manager; Dr. C. H. Rigg, Middletown, 2nd vice-president; Chris Pearson, Middletown, secretary; R. M. Henderson, Middletown, treasurer; A. H. Hazleton, Middletown; auditor; S. D. Stocks, Mexico, Mo., attorney.

The following is a list of the charter members of the company: J. W. King, C. A. Gilbert, Chris. Pearson, Herman Sturgeon, R. L. Gooch, J. A. Sturgeon, R. L. Gooch, J. A. Farmer, Dr. C. H. Rigg, T. J. West, J. T. Davis, J. L. Duncan, J. W. Mosley, Chris. Marburg, Hugh Tighe, R. E. Race, Timothy J. Parker, R. M. Fisher, Eugene Maskey, O. F. House, R. M. Henderson, Wm. Leverett, C. A. Day, C. F. Butler, Benjamin Strank, J. W. Gregory, Henry Harness, J. L. Mosley, W. H. Logan, J. S. McCune, J. D. Barton, David H. Fouser, F. M. Branstetter, M. Dunn, C. B. Duncan, A. H. Hazleton, Charles Leverett, H. A. Stone, J. H. Robinson, C. P. Wells, F. C. Strocker, C. G. Mosley, J. C. King, W. B. Lewellen, W. C. Torreyson, W. H. Slavens, John Hickerson, William Fisher.

The Central West Realty Company has been interested in assisting in the organization and by a careful reading it will be noticed that a number of Mexico men are interested in the project, and it is planned to extend the line to Mexico. It is predicted that the work will be carried on very rapidly and building operations will be begun at an early date. Mexico, as well as other points along the proposed route, is particularly fortunate in being considered. It is planned to build a modern, high-speed road with first-class equipment in every respect. This route will open up the vast prairie east of Mexico with the St. Louis market. It will add one more road and make Mexico the best interior railroad point in the state. Omar D. Gray, S. D. Stocks and R. E. Race attended the meeting. Handsomely equipped offices have been opened at Middletown and much interest was manifested in the meeting.

Go to Boonville.

Mrs. A. B. Smith and little daughter, Annette, left last week for Boonville, where the husband and father has a fine business position and where they will make their future home. This most excellent family will be greatly missed in Mexico.

Clark Moody, whom the Message mentioned some time ago as having attended Washington school, southeast of Mexico, for six years without missing a day, is getting notice in the newspapers all over the State. He has a good second in Miss Maud Watkins, a senior in the Martinsburg school, who has not missed in attendance in five years.

MAY FESTIVAL.

Hardin College and Conservatory, Mexico, Missouri.

May 3, Tuesday—Graduate Piano Recital, Miss Ethel Morris.

May 6, Friday—Graduate Piano Recital, Miss Hazel Keifer.

May 7, Saturday, 4 p. m.—Junior Piano Recital, pupils of Mr. Thomas.

May 10, Tuesday—Junior Piano Recital, pupils of Miss Lawson.

May 13, Friday—Graduate Piano Recital, Miss Eula Beach.

May 16, Monday—Senior Piano Recital, Miss Olive Kenton.

May 17, Tuesday—Senior Piano Recital—Piano, Miss Olive Kenton; Violin, Miss Dora Sellard.

May 19, Thursday—Post-Graduate Voice Recital, Miss Frances Gupton.

May 21, Saturday—Field Day.

May 23, Monday—Senior Voice Recital.

May 24, Tuesday—Senior Piano Recital, pupils of Mr. Thomas.

May 26, Thursday—Art Lecture.

May 27, Friday—Senior Expression Recital.

May 29, Sunday—Baccalaureate Sermon, Rev. M. E. Broadbush, St. Louis.

May 30, Monday—Class Day.

May 31, Tuesday—Commencement.

Hardin College and Conservatory.

Graduates.

Literary

Phoebe Eleanor Bishop, A. B. Mexico, Missouri.

Verleia Isabel McCubbin, A. B. Laddonia, Missouri.

Lillian Morris, A. B., Mexico, Missouri.

Ruth Averitt, B. L., Mexico, Missouri.

Hermie B. Gibbs, B. L., Mexico, Missouri.

Willie Blanche Hook, B. L., Mexico, Missouri.

May Belle Pryor, B. L., Paris, Missouri.

Dora Ethel Sellard, B. L., Mexico, Missouri.

Inez Catherine Willard, B. L., Mexico, Missouri.

Piano.

Eula Jane Beach, Altus, Oklahoma.

Olive Mae Kenton, Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Hazel M. Keifer, Howard, Kansas.

Ethel Morris, Farmington, Missouri.

Voice.

L. Ruth Grubbs, Rothville, Missouri.

Hazel M. Keifer, Howard, Kansas.

L. Colleen Streiff, Appleton City, Missouri.

Zoe Mildred McGlasson (cousin), Lewistown, Missouri.

Expression.

Esther Mary Moore, Purcell, Oklahoma.

Ruth-Hadley Myall, Liberty, Missouri.

Florence L. Smith, Stockton, Kansas.

Regular Art.

Corinne Barth, Mexico, Missouri.

Willie Blanche Hook, Mexico, Missouri.

Violin.

Dora Ethel Sellard, Mexico, Missouri.

Knights and Ladies of Security.

This fraternal order held a very interesting convention in Mexico Wednesday of last week. A big reception and supper was given the delegates in the evening. Attorney A. C. Whitson, J. W. Plunkett and others made speeches. Representatives were here from all over the State. Mexico gave them royal welcome and all enjoyed themselves.

Mrs. G. M. Haskell is at Boone, Iowa, where she will spend the summer with friends.

TO INVESTIGATE.

Excessive Charge of Express From Farber to K. C.

Washington, D. C., April 29.—As the result of the discovery by Allen Cockrell of champion high express rate, an investigation may be begun by the Interstate Commerce Commission into the whole subject of rates charged by express companies. Allen Cockrell assists his father, Commissioner F. M. Cockrell of Missouri.

The disputed rate has to do with the shipment of a jackass from Farber, Mo., to Riverdale, Kan., about 100 miles. Crated the animal weighed 800 pounds. It had weighed 750 pounds, the commercial rate of \$3.00 a hundred would have applied, or \$22.50 for the shipment. Owing to the express company's manner of classifying shipments, the charge for the crate, since it weighed more than 750 pounds, was \$9 a hundred for 1,000 pounds, or \$90. So that the company got \$67.50 for the fifty pounds over 750 pounds which the crated jackass weighed.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has undertaken to adjust the matter by correspondence with the express company officials. If a satisfactory arrangement is not reached by this means, a formal complaint will be entered and the commission will go into the whole subject of express tariffs.

A Mexico Booster.

The Montgomery City Standard said a few days ago:

Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Lambert, of Mexico, returned home last Thursday, after a visit of several days with Mrs. N. G. Cornelius, Mrs. Lambert's mother, east of town. They came through Montgomery on their way home, and stopped long enough for Mr. Lambert to say, "Mexico is the only town on earth." They have all become boosters in Mexico since an electric railway has been built thru there.

The Farber School.

The Farber public school closed a very successful year's work recently. The three teachers, Mr. B. E. Cowherd and Misses Criswell and Kirkpatrick, were elected to teach next term. Miss Kirkpatrick has been in the Farber school four years. Her home is in Mexico.

The graduating class this year was composed of the following: Wm. Shultz, Albert Tighe, Frank Ball, Neva Ball, Lillian Crow, Madeline Hesse, Vitula Hesse, Nola Athey, Nina Williams.

The many friends of S. D. Sutton are sorry that he has definitely determined not to be a candidate again for the office of County Judge. He has had the place four years and thinks it ought to be passed around. He is a thoroughly practical man and made a splendid official and it was sincerely hoped that he could see his way clear to take the place for at least another term.

Mexico's old pest house has been torn down, and James Eubanks and family living there have been given notice to vacate.

For Rent.

House, truck farm and about 20 acres of good pasture, 4 miles west of Mexico, on the Columbia road. C. W. Sansbury, R. F. D. 6.

Rex McDonald, the world's champion saddle stallion, was formally welcomed back to Mexico, his old home, last Saturday. He is owned by a local company and it is going to take a pile of money to get him if Mexico does not remain his permanent home hereafter.

Mexico Track Men Win.

The McMillan High School track team won another victory last Saturday in a contest with the Montgomery High School team at the Mexico Fair Grounds. The events and winners were as follows:

50-Yard Dash—First, Sellard, McM.; second, Pearson, McM.; third, Graves, Montgomery.

100-Yard Dash—First, Sellard, McM.; second, Pearson, Mc; third, Watts, McM.

220-Yard Dash—First, Sellard, second, A. Gibbs, McM.; third, Wheeler, Montgomery.

440-Yard Dash—First, Watts, McM.; second, Wayne, McM.; third, Parsons, Montgomery.

880-Yard Run—First, Sellard, McM.; second, Peek, McM.; third, Rogers, McM.

1 Mile Run—First, Rogers, McM.; second, Knoffler, Montgomery; third, Crane, Montgomery.

Discus—First, Sellard, McM.; second, Pearson, McM.; third, Graves, Montgomery.

Shot Put—First, Barth, McM.; second, Sellard, McM.; third, Graves, Montgomery.

Hammer Throw—First, Pearson, McM.; second, Penn, Montgomery; third, Graves, Montgomery.

High Jump—First, Graves, Montgomery; second, Pearson, McM.; third, A. Gibbs, McM.

Pole Vault—First, Graves, Montgomery; tie for second, R. Gibbs, McM.; Barton, Montgomery.

Broad Jump—First, Wayne, McM.; second, Graves, Montgomery; third, Pearson, McM.

Relay 1-2 Mile—First, McM.; second, Montgomery.

Sues for \$7,200.

Miss Ella Geary, who was most painfully injured some months ago while an employe in the Crown Laundry in this city, has brought suit against the company for \$7,200 damages. The accident happened while Miss Geary was engaged in smoothing the covering of the mangle roller, which covering she alleges she was forced to smooth from time to time on account of its being torn. Her right hand was drawn into the machine and it was badly mashed and burned and two fingers were destroyed.

The laundry company carries accident insurance and is protected against such suits.

A. J. Godfrey died a few days ago of pneumonia at his home in Springdale, Wash. Mr. Godfrey married a sister of W. M. and Cornelius Watts of this city.

Dr. Will F. Botts of this city has located at Santa Fe for the practice of medicine. That is a fine field and Dr. Botts is the man for the work.

G. R. Walker of Great Bend, Kansas, has been visiting R. L. Hughes in Mexico and other friends at Martinsburg.

John Kunkel was kicked on the hip by a vicious mule a few days ago. He was considerably bruised but is getting along all right.

That was a great entertainment last Friday night given by the expression department of Hardin College. The class presented Oliver Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer." A large audience enjoyed the play.

The Sturgeon Leader says: Frank Canada owns 500 acres of fine land and he is going to sell 160 or 200 acres if he can get his price. Frank tells the Leader it is hard to manage a 500 acre farm these days worth \$40,000 and make 3 per cent on the investment.

A W. C. T. U. at Santa Fe.

A Woman's Christian Temperance Union order has been formed at Santa Fe. There are 23 members. The officers are: Miss Clara Sterrett, president; Miss Mary Wilson, rec. sec'y.; Mrs. R. A. Hanger, cor. sec.; Miss Lulu Iman, treasurer; Miss Mattie Bess Shearman, organist; Mesdames Mamie Crigler, Nettie Bishop, G. A. Camplin, Pearl Snyder, Misses Lizzie Hunt, Gertie Davis, Gertie Sharp, Zella Crump, Lena Hanna Annie Snyder; Mesdames Grace Snyder, Perry Davis, Lou Sterrett; Lou McGee, Lonah Bailey, Daisy Henderson, Ella Sherman, Jennie Bozarth.

The Tile Factory.

Farber, Mo., May 2.—The experiment made about six years ago by two Illinois farmers who purchased land here and put in a complete system of tiling, is bearing fruit and Farber will soon have an \$8,000 tile factory.

Until half a dozen years ago the advisability of tiling on prairie land was doubted but a practical demonstration has shown an increase of more than one hundred per cent in yield.

Another Mile of Track.

The electric railway construction men will complete another mile of track south from this city this week. Most of the work was done last week. They are putting down the steel rapidly. It is expected that cars will be running into Hereford, Callaway county, from Mexico by September 1st.

The American's Woman's League of St. Louis has a membership of 16 members in Mexico. They are as follows: Miss Stella Black, Mary Blythe, Mrs. F. G. Claggett, Mrs. Nellie Gurnard, Mrs. J. H. Davis, Mary Drake, Mrs. Carrie Fleming, Mrs. J. B. Fleming, Mrs. Fannie Fletcher, Mrs. W. L. Fowles, Mrs. C. A. Griffith, Mrs. V. F. Morris, Hugh Plate, Robert Plate, E. F. Stanton, Susan Stuart.

The object is to secure a beautiful chapter house for the League without any cost to the members; to cost over \$20,000. The members pay for magazines—for that they get the magazines. The chapter house is the premium.

Arnold Hughes, a brother of the late Judge E. M. Hughes, Judge of this Judicial Circuit, has been nominated for Congress on the Prohibition ticket in the eighth district of Kansas. Arnold Hughes moved from Mexico about four years ago. He is assistant pastor of the Baptist church at Wichita. He is a business fellow and makes good anywhere you put him.

Something killed a lamb for Buford Baker, in Callaway, Sunday night, and finding it early. Mr. Baker dosed the carcass with strychnine. The next morning a dead dog and a dead wolf were found lying within a few feet of the poisoned lamb. A good shot.

The Vandalia Leader says: "It looks like prosperous times when over \$11,000 were expended for automobiles in less than a month in Vandalia."

J. P. Rogers has been elected principal of the Madison public school for the ninth consecutive term. He was raised near Santa Fe and is a brother of Rev. E. L. Rogers who formerly taught several terms of the Farber public school.

A large number of farmers in western Audrain are arranging to plant cherry trees along the public highways. That's a fine move. If you want a tree for shade or ornament, plant the variety that will bear fruit too.

THOMPSON.

Charles and Clara Morgenthauer of Hallsville have returned home after a week's visit with their aunt.

F. Clenton sold one cow weighing 1580 lbs. to H. T. Gant for \$94.80.

L. H. Heinlan bought three heifers of H. T. Gant for \$135.00.

Miss Nannette Kennan, daughter of James Kennan, has been employed to teach the Highland school at \$50.00 per month. Miss Kennan taught a very successful school at Payne last winter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Truex of Mexico are visiting J. R. Ridgeway and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Elliott were in Hallsville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Considine and daughter, Bettie Mae, were the pleasant guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doe Skaggs of Centralia, Sunday. Mrs. May Considine accompanied them home.

Miss Florence Brown will teach the coming winter at Cedar Grove. Miss Florence taught the past winter in Texas. She is making a very successful teacher.

J. E. Tilger lost a valuable mare and cow last week. This is very bad luck for Ed, as he is trying hard to make good.

Sherd Ferguson had a valuable brood mare to die Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Thomas have let a contract to Fred Miskell of Centralia to erect for them a handsome store building and hall on their store across the railroad in this place. Mrs. Thomas has considerable property here and is one of the main pushers of Thompson.

Rev. J. W. Hardesty filled his regular appointment at Liberty church last Saturday and Sunday.

A number from this place went to Moberly Sunday to see the ball game.

Mrs. J. C. Daniel and children were the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cogswell, from Saturday until Monday.

Mr. Seener, our Wabash foreman, has been entertaining a number of his relatives the past week.

BEAVER DAM.

Rev. Palmer filled his appointment at Beaver Dam Sunday. He tendered his resignation as pastor. His time will expire the first Sunday in June. We are sorry to lose Bro. Palmer, but hope our loss will be his gain.

Miss Eulah Crews and Miss Jennie Throckmorton visited Doe, Crews and wife, Saturday night and Sunday.

George McKee and wife leave Tuesday for their home at Washington, Pennsylvania. We are sorry to see them go but wish them happiness and prosperity.

Mrs. Hultz is quite sick.

A. B. Weidner met with what might have been a serious accident Saturday. He drove into Sullivan's livery barn with a load of hay. Not noticing that the loft floor was lower in the back end of the barn than the front, he was caught between the loft and the hay and was hurt quite badly. He is getting along nicely and we hope he will soon be O. K. again.

There will be Sunday school at Beaver Dam church Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Everyone come and let's have a good Sunday school.

Mrs. Ed. Harrison and two children of Mexico visited Mrs. J. W. Wayne one day last week.

Mrs. C. F. Clark has been visiting in St. Louis.

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